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| In re application of: Takeshi NISHIUCHI et al. Serial No.: 10/642,324 Filing Date: August 18, 2003 For: COMPOUND FOR RARE-EARTH BONDED MAGNET AND BONDED MAGNET USING THE COMPOUND | Art Unit: 1742 Examiner: J. Sheehan |
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith is a copy of a European Search Report issued in a corresponding European patent application and copies of seven (7) prior art references cited therein. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have enclosed a completed Form PTO-1449 listing the prior art references cited in the European Search Report.

Although the European Search Report cites WO 01/91139A, Applicants do not include a copy of the reference herewith as the equivalent reference, US 09/863,902, has been previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 18, 2003. Although the European Search Report cites EP 0 302 395 A, Applicants do not include a copy of the reference herewith as the equivalent references, US 5,022,939 and US 5,049,208, have been previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 18, 2003. Although the European Search Report cites EP 0 823 713 A, Applicants do not include a copy of the reference herewith as the equivalent reference, US 5,872,501, has been previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 18, 2003. Although the European Search Report cites JP 02-298003A, Hermann et al. and Merkulova et al., Applicants do not include a copy of the references herewith as the references have been previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 18, 2003. Finally, although the European Search Report cites WO 02/067275, Applicants include a copy of EP 1 371 434 as the English language equivalent reference. The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

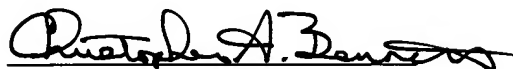
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Accordingly, no fee is necessary for the filing of this statement. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1353 for any fee shortages, including the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed examination report be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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